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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hasegawa, et al.

Serial No.: 10/603,983

Filing Date: June 24, 2003

For: GMR Magnetic Sensing Element Provided  
with Second Free Layer Extended to Outside of  
Track Width and Method for Manufacturing the  
Same

Examiner: Kevin M. Bernatz

Group Art Unit No.: 1773

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 22313 -1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2004, Applicants elect  
Invention I, Species B and Claims 1 – 13, 15 – 28 and 30 for the present application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.